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## Camelot Landfill expansion application clears major hurdle with TCEQ technical review approval

AUSTIN ~ Pronouncing it "technically complete," the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has sent the Farmers Branch application for expansion of the Camelot Landfill forward to the next stage of the process.

Farmers Branch owns the landfill, now located in the City of Lewisville north of the much larger and much more visible DFW Landfill. The City has applied to the TCEQ to expand the footprint by 38.5 acres and permissible height by 202 feet in order to extend its life by about 40 years.

DFW Landfill will close in about 10 years and, unless it expands, Camelot Landfill will reach capacity in about 12 years. If that happens, approximately a half-million north Texans, in multiple municipalities, will be without a viable landfill option in the northern tier of counties.

"The technical approval of the application is one of two key events last week in the history of this process," said Farmers Branch Solid Waste Administrator Shane Davis. "The other was the agreed federal lawsuit settlement with the City of Lewisville in which Farmers Branch volunteered to build a slurry wall and leachate extraction wells as a safeguard for the future.

"Technical approval means TCEQ staff has reviewed the application and found that it meets all state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements," he explained.

As soon as TCEQ sends notices of the technical review approval to stakeholders, the clock will start on a 30-day public comment period, after which the process moves towards a final decision.